

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
09/901,187	WOLOZIN ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11/19/3.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-38.
3. The drawings filed on 31 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/29/04 .
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 33-34 have been cancelled and claims 35 and 38 have been amended as requested in the amendment filed on November 19, 2003. Claims 1-32 and 35-51 are pending in the instant application.

Claims 1-32 and 39-51 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in Paper No. 12.

Claims 35-38 are under examination in the instant office action.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory B. Butler on March 26, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-32 and 39-51.

Amend claims 35 and 36 as follows:

35. (currently amended) A composition comprising Mg²⁺ and at least one peptide selected from the group consisting of: WRQTRKD (SEQ ID NO: 1); HYAKNPI (SEQ ID NO: 2); ATINKSL (SEQ ID NO: 3); RRRGMAI (SEQ ID NO: 4); ~~THRLPSR~~ (SEQ ID NO: 5); TKHGPRK (SEQ ID NO: 6); SLKRLPK (SEQ ID NO: 7); RLRGRNQ (SEQ ID NO: 8);

WPFHHHR (SEQ ID NO: 9); HLYHHKT (SEQ ID NO: 10); THIHHPS (SEQ ID NO: 11); and
MMMMMMRL (SEQ ID NO: 12).

36. (currently amended) The composition of claim 35, wherein the peptide is selected from the group consisting of: ~~THRLPSR (SEQ ID NO: 5)~~; SLKRLPK (SEQ ID NO: 7); THIHHPS (SEQ ID NO: 11); and MMMMMRL (SEQ ID NO: 12).

3. Claims 35-38 are allowed. Claims 35-38 are renumbered as 1-4, respectively.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Turnbough, WO 99/36081 (22 July, 1999); Turnbough, Pub. No.: US 2003/0044838 A1, March 06, 2003, filing date January 14, 1999.

Copies of the sequence alignments are attached to the instant office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga N. Chernyshev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0870. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9 AM to 5 PM ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on (571) 272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax center located in Crystal Mall 1 (CM1). The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December

28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). NOTE: If Applicant *does* submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by Applicant or Applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers.

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